4 Couples Vie to Adopt Utah's Crash Orphan

Tribune Special

HEBER - Beanie Spotts, 21/2year-old orphan on an auto accident near Daniels Summit Jan. 5, played nonchalantly-and once or twice noisily-in a courtroom here Tuesday while attorneys opened legal proceedings which will determine his future home.

Beanie, or Guy Henry Spotts III, was destined to be well cared for regardless of the court's decision, it appeared, because the court received offers of adoption from his maternal grandparents, his paternal grandparents, a brother-in-law and a sister of his father and a brother-in-law and a sister of

his mother.

Beanie's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Guy Henry Spotts Jr., were killed a few miles west of Daniel's Summit Jan. 5 when their car skidded on an icy section of highway, careened into an embankment and overturned several times.

Child Found Unhurt

Passing motorists found the child unhurt in the wrecked car, an dhe was brought to Heber and became the temporary ward of Joseph A. Olpin, Heber mortician,

and Mrs. Olpin.

Litigants in the case which opened Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Spotts Sr., Williamsport, Pa., paternal grandparents of Beanie; Mrs. Lucille Felin, Rock Springs, Wyo., school teacher, maternal grandmother of the child; Mr. and Mrs. Olpin, as temporary custodians of the child pending settlement of the case, and Judge Dean E. Terry and Mrs. Julia L. Bybee, probation officer of Third district juvenile court, Provo.

Mr. and Mrs. Spotts and Mrs. Felin indicated desire to adopt the child and rear him in their homes, and, in addition, the court was informed that brothers-in-law and sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Spotts would adopt the child "in event the court feels that life expectancy of either of the grandparents is not sufficient for the child's security."

Sister of Capt. Spotts

They are Mr. and Mrs. Robert'S. Sedam, Williamsport, and Dr. and Mrs. William M. Stansbury, Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Sedam is a sister of Capt. Spotts and Mrs. Stansbury, whose husband is a Los Angeles veterinarian, is a sister of Mrs. Spotts.

When the case opened, "Beanie" had the freedom of the courtroom, with Mr. Olpin seated in the doorway so that he could not leave.

However, his freedom suffered Isome restraint when the court

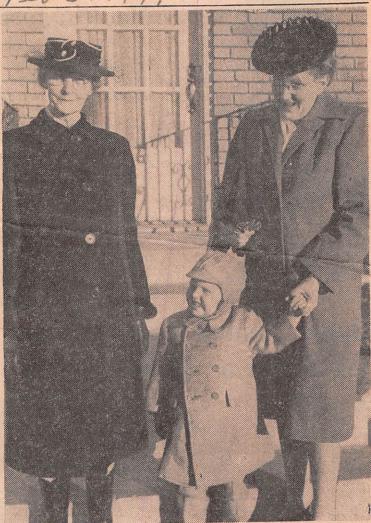


FIGURE IN CUSTODY STRUGGLE

Center of a legal custody case, Beanie Spotts, $2\frac{1}{2}$ -year-old child orphaned by an auto accident Jau. 5, poses near Wasatch county courthouse, Heber, with his grandmothers, Mrs. Guy Henry Spotts Sr., Williamsport, Pa., left; Mrs. Lucille Felin, Rock Springs, Wyo.

bailiff was forced to order and finally Fourth District Judge William Stanley Dunford decreed that the legal case could proceed without necessity of "Beanie's" presence and the child left in company with children of Mr. and Mrs. Olpin.

As the court adjourned until 10 a.m. Wednesday, Mrs. Felin was in the witness stand. A widow whose husban ddied in 1926, she testified that she is a school teacher in Rock Springs, that she has property and estate sufficient to care for the child and that, if given custody of Beanie, she will give up teaching and devote the remainder of her life to rearing the

Judge Expresses Doubt

Before Mrs. Felin took the stand the judge expressed doubt cop

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rgument In a strange leanutes of the which occupied R, George S. Bal-three-hour for Mr. and Mrs. attend Joseph Severn Jones, Spottey for Mrs. Felin, successful-Fargued their contention that the court had jurisdiction in the case.

The case then proceeded as a hearing upon a writ of habeas corpus brought by Mrs. Felin to show cause why Mr. and Mrs. Olpin, at direction of the juvenile court, should continue to have custody of the child. Pending de-cision in the case, the court decreed that Mr. and Mrs. Olpin retain custody of Beanie:

Gunnison tangle on the Wasatch saurs, while North Sanpete and to Price to meet the Carbon Dinofor Thursday, West swinging out at Bicknell. Two tilts are docketed division, Richfield moving out to Monroe, while Salina meets Wayne

of contests in the South Sevier Wednesday's slate finds a pair one substitution.

contest where neither team made Mosb turning back Fruits, Colo., 32-28, on the Mosb court, in a A nonleague encounter found

Cyprus kept in the thick of the race with a 45-36 margin over Tooele. spired Judge Memorial five, while

victories over quintets in the lower half of the league Tuesday their positions atop the league standings by hanging up expected

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Pace in Jordan Division

guided his racer over the flate at 186 miles per hour. Baker was called libe world's fastest hitch-hiker, following this ride.

A testimonial dinner is planned for gram, Baker became a great race-car enthusiast and drove Ab Jenkins' "hepped-up" racer over the salt flate at a speed of 150 miles per hour. Later he rode with Jenkins when the former Salt Lake City mayor guided his racer over the flate af 186 miles per hour. Baker was called

While sports editor of The Telein nine games. events record of 1969 pins, scored tion, Baker still holds the city allstate's league competition. In addigames which have been rolled in the owner of one of the 13 perfect 300

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Trank K. Baker, sports writer and the highest pin averages ever redicortive in Salt Lake Clt. Cor the past 16 years and one of the cop bowlers in the state's history, was appointed assistant secretary of games which have been rolled in the Appellican Bowling Congress

1 American Bowling Unit Baker Named Asst. Secretary

thanks to a 52-40 win over an in-33-23, Bingham held second place, four minutes to defeat Murray, Cowboys were pulling leather be-fore they pulled away in the last

inate the Jordan sector, but the Grantsville continued to doming winless South Rich, 50-29. mit retained third place by thumpverdict over Morgan, South Sum-Miners with a hard-earned 32-29 mit at Coalville, while Wasatch stayed right on the heels of the a 48-33 triumph over North Sum-



City kept its record perfect with In the Summit division, Park

Pace-setters in the Jordan and Summit divisions maintained

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